

SENATE BILL 2399
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, to authorize consumption of alcoholic beverages at aquarium exhibition or educational facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(p) It is lawful to sell wine and other alcoholic beverages and beer to be consumed on the premises of any aquarium exhibition or educational facility as herein defined to those in attendance at such facility subject to the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(26) "Aquarium exhibition or educational facility" means an enclosed facility possessing each of the following characteristics:

(A) the facility is owned and operated by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization that also owns and operates a "public aquarium" as defined in subsection (25);

(B) the facility contains a minimum area of ten thousand (10,000) square feet; and

(C) The facility is used for either or both of the following purposes:

(i) the exhibition to the public of artifacts, physical objects, pictures, and movies; or

(ii) to aid in the education of the public by means of interactive displays or stations, learning laboratories, and classroom areas for instruction in the physical sciences, natural history or other educational disciplines.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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